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KWITCHERBITCHIN

every once in a while
word leaks out from downtown
that the top brass
is coming
for a surprise visit
next Thursday afternoon
so they clean up the place.
they grade the roads
mop the floors
fix the doors
wash the windows
clean the mirrors
disinfect the toilets
put rolls of paper in the stalls
install new pencil sharpeners
and pick up all the scrap and garbage
out in the yards.
just like in the movies
when the Red Cross would come
to inspect the P.O.W. camps
and they gave everybody
blankets, food, cigarettes
just to make it look good.
when i said how pissed
i was about them
not coming out to our yard
the yardmaster said
"Kwitcherbitchin, kid."